



## Yosemite Lodge Area Redevelopment Environmental Assessment

The project collectively known as the Yosemite Lodge Area Redevelopment includes four separate actions as described in the *General Management Plan* and the *Yosemite Valley Plan*: redevelopment of Yosemite Lodge, redesign of Camp 4, relocation of Northside Drive, and design of the Indian Cultural Center. The *Final Yosemite Valley Plan* and its *Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement* could not assess the site-specific potential impacts of the project. Therefore, the site designs for this project will be evaluated in an environmental assessment estimated for release in August 2003.

All of the actions in the Yosemite Lodge Area Redevelopment occur in the Yosemite Lodge area of Yosemite Valley and include the following:

### Redevelopment of Yosemite Lodge

The *Yosemite Valley Plan* calls for improving the character of Yosemite Lodge by changing from a motel-type of experience to one more connected to a national park lodge experience in Yosemite Valley. It also calls for the removal of facilities from the river protection zone and the floodplain. Construction will be phased in order to provide continuous operation of the existing Yosemite Lodge facilities.

- Phase I: Construct 90 cottage rooms (5 buildings) on available sites; construct new support buildings; demolish 88 existing lodging rooms (4 buildings); construct new guest parking lots and circulation drives; remove existing employee housing; demolish existing post office; demolish existing parking and circulation drives; construct new overnight bus parking lot; construct new Northside Drive using existing Yosemite Creek Bridge; construct new pedestrian pathways and landscaping; install infrastructure and utility improvements to support new development; construct new shuttle bus stops; convert existing Northside Drive into multi-use paved trail (from east of existing Yosemite Creek Bridge to western edge of Camp 4)
- Phase II: Construct 44 cabin rooms (11 buildings) on available sites; demolish 40 existing lodging rooms (2 buildings); construct new parking area for cabin units; construct new Guest Registration Building; expand Camp 4; renovate existing Registration Building and Mountain Room Bar and Lounge into public space; construct new parking lots and support buildings for Camp 4 expanded campground
- Phase III: Restore existing area south of new Northside Drive to natural conditions; close existing Northside Drive at western end of Yosemite Lodge site

Lodging Units	Number of Rooms
Pre-Flood Lodging	495
Current	245
Final Redevelopment	251 rooms* (117 economy & 134 mid-scale) *as specified in the <i>Yosemite Valley Plan</i>

## Camp 4 Redesign

As part of the Yosemite Lodge Area Redevelopment, Camp 4 will be redesigned to accommodate the expansion and improvements called for in the *Yosemite Valley Plan*.

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## Relocation of Northside Drive

According to the *Yosemite Valley Plan*, Northside Drive in the Yosemite Lodge and Camp 4 area will be relocated south of the Lodge to reduce conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians and to provide safer pedestrian access between the Lodge and the Lower Yosemite Fall area.

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## Indian Cultural Center Design

In keeping with the *General Management Plan*, the National Park Service entered into a cooperative agreement with the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, Inc. to work toward establishing an Indian Cultural Center at the site of the last historically occupied Indian village in Yosemite Valley (just west of Camp 4 and Yosemite Lodge). The project is designed with two major components—a traditional village and a modern community building. The traditional structures will be built by Indian Council members and volunteers. Design for the modern structures and improvements will be completed by the National Park Service by June 2003. For more information, see the Indian Cultural Center fact sheet.

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## Public Participation

The public is encouraged to submit comments and concerns related to the site designs on the four projects included in the Yosemite Lodge Area Redevelopment. Please note that the decisions made in the *Yosemite Valley Plan* will not be revisited. The environmental assessment will analyze the specific details relating to design and construction.

All comments regarding the Yosemite Lodge Area Redevelopment must be submitted in writing to be considered and will be accepted in the following ways:

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The status of this and other Yosemite National Park improvement projects will be periodically updated on the park's planning web site. Visit online: [www.nps.gov/yose/planning](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planning).